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NOTIFICATION

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S.R.O. 948.—The following draft of certain rules which the Central Government proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20A of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (25 of 1867) is hereby published for the information of persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the draft will be taken into consideration on or after the 23rd May, 1956.

The Central Government shall consider any objection or suggestion which may be received by it from any person with respect to the draft before the date so specified.

DRAFT RULES

1. Short title.—These rules may be called the Registration of Newspapers (Central) Rules, 1956.

2. Definitions.—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) 'Act' means the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867;
- (b) 'Certificate' means a certificate of registration issued by the Press Registrar under section 19C of the Act;
- (c) 'Form' means a Form prescribed in the Schedule to these rules;
- (d) 'Press Registrar' means the Registrar of Newspapers for India appointed under section 19A of the Act;
- (e) 'Publisher' means the publisher of a newspaper;
- (f) 'Register' means the Register of newspapers maintained by the Press Registrar under section 19B of the Act;
- (g) 'Bi-weekly' means a publication published twice in a week;
- (h) 'Tri-weekly' means a publication published thrice in a week.

3. Form of Declaration.—Every declaration made under Section 5 of the Act shall be in Form I, and the person making the declaration shall give full and true particulars therein.

4. Transmission of copies of declaration to the Press Registrar.—A copy of declaration made before a Magistrate duly attested by his official seal shall be forwarded to the Press Registrar by registered post.

5. Delivery of copies of newspapers to the Press Registrar.—Every publisher shall, within 24 hours of the publication of an issue of his newspaper, send to the Press Registrar one copy of the issue, by post or by a messenger.

Provided that where any newspaper publishes more than one edition under the same declaration and the retail selling price charged for, and the number of

pages contained in, an issue of any such edition is different from an issue of any other edition, then, one copy of the issue of each such edition shall be sent to the Press Registrar.

6. (1) Every publisher shall, in respect of his newspaper or each of his newspapers, furnish to the Press Registrar the following statements containing the particulars hereinafter specified:—

- (a) **Statement of number of days of publication, number of pages, etc.**—A statement in Form II containing the particulars of a newspaper relating to the number of days of its publication, the number of its pages and other particulars specified therein, in respect of every week ending with Sunday, shall be forwarded to the Press Registrar, weekly in the case of daily newspapers, once in four weeks in the case of weekly, tri-weekly and bi-weekly newspapers and once in thirteen weeks in other cases.
- (b) **Statement of number of copies printed, sold, distributed and the retail selling price.**—A statement in Form III containing the particulars of a newspaper relating to the number of copies thereof printed, sold and distributed free and its retail selling price and other particulars specified therein, in respect of every six months ending on the 30th June and 31st December of each year, shall be forwarded to the Press Registrar so as to reach him on or before the 31st July and the 31st January respectively.

NOTE.—The first statement to be submitted on or before the 31st July, 1956 need relate only to the period from

- (c) **Annual Statement.**—An annual statement in Form IV relating to a newspaper containing the particulars specified therein in respect of each calendar year, shall be forwarded to the Press Registrar so as to reach him on or before the 1st February of the following year.

NOTE.—The statement to be submitted on or before the 1st February, 1957 need relate only to the period from

(2) Whenever there is a change in the retail selling price of a newspaper furnished in any statement referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (1), it shall be the duty of the publisher to intimate the change to the Press Registrar within 24 hours of the change.

7. Maintenance of the Register.—(1) The Press Registrar shall maintain a Register of Newspapers in Form V.

(2) The pages of the Register shall be machine numbered consecutively and one page shall be allotted for one newspaper. Initial entries in the Register and subsequent changes, if any, shall be duly authenticated under the signature and seal of the Press Registrar or of an Officer authorised by him.

(3) The Press Registrar shall, after verification of the figures furnished in the statement of the number of pages, enter in the register the average number of pages over a period of four weeks in respect of daily, tri-weekly, bi-weekly and weekly newspapers and over a period of thirteen weeks in respect of other newspapers.

(4) In respect of every newspaper, the Press Registrar shall also enter in the Register,—

- (a) the total number of days of the publication of the newspaper from the 1st January to the 31st December of each year;
- (b) the average number of copies of the newspaper printed, copies sold to the public and copies distributed free to the public, for the two half years ending the 30th June and the 31st December of each year;
- (c) the retail selling price per copy of the newspaper and any change in its retail selling price;
- (d) the names and addresses of the owners of the newspaper.

NOTE.—The names of partners or shareholders holding more than one per cent of the total capital need alone be entered.

8. Particulars to be published in every newspapers.—The publisher shall publish in every issue of his newspaper the retail selling price of each copy. The publisher shall also publish in the first issue after the 31st January, of each year the particulars specified in Form VI.

9. The Press Registrar shall, on an application made to him in writing and on payment of a fee of rupee one in respect of each newspaper, furnish to the applicant extracts from the Register duly certified by him.

10. **Certificate of registration.**—(1) In every case where on or after

a publisher makes a declaration before a Magistrate, the Press Registrar, shall, as soon as practicable, after receipt of the copy of the declaration, issue to the publisher a certificate of registration in Form VII.

(2) Every publisher who has made a declaration before shall, on or before apply to the Press Registrar for a certificate of registration. Every such application shall be accompanied by statements giving true and correct details of the declarations already made and the other particulars specified in Form I.

11. **Annual Report.**—The Press Registrar shall submit to the Central Government, on or before the 31st March, of each year, an annual report containing information about the Press in India, and in particular, statistics, circulation trends in different categories of newspapers and the trends in the direction of common ownership of more than one newspaper:

Provided that the annual report to be submitted on or before the 31st March 1957, may relate only to the period from to the 31st December, 1956,

12. **Repeal.**—Any rule made by a State Government under the Act in respect of newspapers which is inconsistent with these rules shall stand repealed.

Form of Declaration.

FORM I

(See Rule 3)

I/We, _____ declare that I am/we are the printer(s) or publisher (s), or printer(s) and publisher(s) of the newspaper entitled _____ * to be printed at _____, or *published at _____, or to be printed and published at _____, and do solemnly affirm that particulars in respect of the said newspaper given hereunder are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

1. Title of the newspaper _____
2. Language in which it is to be published _____
3. Periodicity of its publication and the day/days on which it is to be published. _____
4. Retail price of the newspaper _____
5. Publisher's Name _____
Nationality : _____
Address : _____
6. Printer's Name _____
Nationality : _____
Address : _____
7. Editor's Name. _____
Nationality : _____
Address : _____
8. True and precise account of the premises where the printing is to be conducted. _____
9. Place of Publication _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Designation _____

*Strike out whatever is not applicable.

(Statement of number of days of publication, number of pages etc.)

FORM II

[See Rule 6(1)(a)]

Title of the newspaper _____
 Language in which it is published. _____
 Periodicity of its publication _____

A. Daily Newspapers

(* for the week ending Sunday, the 195)

1. Days of publication _____
2. Number of pages per week _____
3. Size of the page _____
4. Retail price per copy _____

* The first Weekly return shall relate to the period.

B. Weeklies, Bi-Weeklies and Tri-Weeklies.

(† for the four weeks ending 195)

1. Days of publication _____
2. Number of pages per issue _____
3. Size of the page _____
4. Retail price per copy _____

† The first return shall relate to the four weeks period ending.

C. Other Periodicals

(‡ for the 13 weeks period beginning from

to 195).

1. Days of publication _____
2. Number of pages per issue _____
3. Size of the page _____
4. Retail price per copy _____

‡ The return shall relate to the periods ending 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December; the first return to relate to the period from

NOTE.—(1) Only the column which is applicable need be filled.

(2) The return should be submitted in the case of dailies, weeklies, bi-weeklies and tri-weeklies within one week and in the case of other periodicals within a month, after the expiry of the period to which it relates.

I, _____, hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature : _____

Dated :

Designation : _____

Half-yearly return in respect of number of copies printed etc. of the newspaper relating to the period ending 30th June 31st December, 1956

FORM III

[See Rule 6(1) (b)]

Title of the newspaper _____
 Periodicity of its publication _____
 Language in which it is published _____
 Place of publication _____

S. No.	Item of detail	MONTHS						Half Yearly Total Average	Remarks
		Jan. July	Feb. Aug.	Mar. Sept.	Apr. Oct.	May Nov.	June Dec.		
1.	Average No. of copies printed per publishing day								
2.	Average No. of copies distributed to regular subscribers (a) by post (b) otherwise								
3.	Average No. of copies distributed through agents to out-stations by, (a) Air (b) Rail (c) Road and river transport								
4.	Average No. of copies distributed through (a) Local agents, (b) Publisher's own organisation [excluding regular subscribers mentioned under 2(a) and (b)]								
5.	Particulars of the trade terms of sale.								
6.	Average No. of copies sold at recognised trade terms.								
7.	Average No. of copies sold at concessional rates, allowing more than the recognised trade terms.								
8.	Total average No. of copies sold								
9.	Average No. of complimentary copies distributed free.								
10.	Average No. of sample and office copies								
11.	Average No. of voucher, exchange and bonus copies.								
12.	Total average No. of copies distributed free (including sample and office copies).								

I, _____ hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date : _____

Signature _____

Designation _____

Countersigned.

Dated : _____

Chartered Accountant/

Qualified Auditor,

**Annual Statement in respect of the newspaper entitled for the period ending
31st December, 195**

FORM IV

[See Rule 6(1) (c)]

Sl. No.	Items	Details of particulars	Particulars of changes, if any during the year with date(s) of changes	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Declaration number under which newspaper is published.			
2.	Registration number			
3.	Title of newspaper			
4.	Language in which the newspaper is published.			
5.	(a) Periodicity of the publication of the newspaper. (b) Days of the publication (in the case of publication not published every day)			
6.	Editor's Name Nationality Address			
7.	Printer's Name Nationality Address			
8.	Publisher's Name Nationality Address			
9.	(a) True and precise account of the premises where printing is conducted. (b) Place of publication.			
10.	(a) Average number of pages in respect of daily, bi-weekly, tri-weekly and weekly newspapers (over a period of four weeks) (b) Average number of pages in respect of other newspapers (Over a period of 13 weeks)			
11.	Total number of days of publication in the year			
12.	(a) Average number of copies printed. (b) Average number of copies sold (c) Average number of copies distributed free (six-monthly average to be given)			
13.	Retail selling price per copy.			

1	2	3	4	5
14. Name and address of proprietor(s)				
	Name	Value of share of capital	Whether related to other shareholders by marriage, blood relationship or otherwise	

(a) If the proprietor is a firm, whether it is registered or un-registered; (Particulars of partners who own more than one per cent of the capital need only be given)

(b) If the proprietor is a Joint Stock Company, whether a public limited Company or a private limited Company. (Names and addresses etc. of Chairman and members of the Board of Directors)

(c) (i) If the proprietor is a Joint Stock Company and is managed by Managing Agents who constitute the Joint Stock Company. (Names and addresses, etc. of Chairman and members of the Board of Directors of the Managing Agents)
(ii) If the Managing Agents are a firm or partnership, names and addresses of members of the firm/partnership, including the share of each.

(d) If the proprietor is a Trust/Co-operative Society/Society/Association, names and addresses, etc. of the Chairman and members of the Trust/Executive.

(e) Any other form of ownership

Notes.—(i) All the relevant information should be furnished to disclose effective ownership of the newspaper.

(ii) Items not applicable should be scored out.

15. The known bond holders, mortgagees and other security holders owning or holding one per cent or more of the total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities.

Note.—In case where the stock holder or security holder appears upon the books of the Company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting should also be furnished.

I, _____, hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated : _____

Signature _____
Designation _____

Register of Newspapers**FORM V.**

[See Rule 7 (1)]

1. Declaration number under which newspaper is published
2. Registration Number of the newspaper
3. Title of the newspaper
4. Language in which the newspaper is published.
5. (a) Periodicity of the publication of the newspaper
(b) Day(s) of publication (in the case of publication not published every day).
6. Editor's Name
Nationality
Address
7. Printer's Name
Nationality
Address
8. Publisher's Name
Nationality :
Address
9. (a) True and Precise account of the premises where the printing is to be conducted.
(b) Place of publication
10. Average Number of pages in respect of daily, bi-weekly, tri-weekly, and weekly newspapers. (Over a period of 4 weeks).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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1	2	3	4	5
1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total

11. (a) Average number of pages in respect of other newspapers. (Over a period of 13 weeks)
- (b) Total number of days of publication, in the year.

1	2	3
Jan. to June	July to Dec.	Remarks.

12. (a) Average number of copies printed
- (b) Average number of copies sold
- (c) Average number of copies distributed free
13. Retail selling price per copy
14. Names and Addresses of individuals who own the newspaper and partners or share-holders holding more than 1 % of the total capital.

**Statement about ownership and other particulars about the newspaper (———)
to be published in the first issue every year after 31st January.**

FORM VI
(See Rule 8)

1. Place of publication		_____
2. Periodicity of its publication		_____
3. Printer's Name	}	_____
Nationality		_____
Address	}	_____

4. Publisher's Name	}	_____
Nationality		_____
Address	}	_____

5. Editor's Name	}	_____
Nationality		_____
Address	}	_____

6. Names and addresses of individuals who own the newspaper and partners or shareholders holding more than one percent of the total Capital		

I, _____, hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated : _____

Signature _____
Designation _____

Certificate of Registration

FORM VII
(See Rule 10(r))

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF NEWSPAPERS FOR INDIA



This is to certify that the Newspaper entitled _____ has been registered under Section 19-C of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

1. Title of the newspaper	_____
2. Language in which it is to be published	_____
3. Periodicity of its publication and the day/days on which it is to be published.	_____
4. Retail price of the newspaper	_____
5. Publisher's Name	_____
Nationality	_____
Address	_____
6. Printer's Name	_____
Nationality	_____
Address	_____
7. Editor's Name	_____
Nationality	_____
Address	_____
8. True and precise account of the premises where the printing is to be conducted.	_____
9. Place of publication	_____

Date _____
Address _____

Signature _____
Designation _____

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